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## Letter from D. W. Lee to Anna Maria Calhoun Clemson, 1864, December 22

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New York Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1864  
Mrs A C Clemens

Dear Madam

I reached  
here today, but much later  
than I ought to have done and  
the acct. without interest (which  
any one can calculate on the items)  
beginning with bal. due Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>  
1862 (date of last acct. rendered)  
and detailing all receipts, and  
payments since that date (errors  
excepted) I enclose without a  
heading as you suggested, but you  
know where acct. it is. I also  
telegraph you the amt.

I found my family all well  
and they all regret your and  
Florida's departure and Laura  
sends both a great deal of love  
and my mother and other ones.



write with her. That you  
may have a safe and easy  
transit, I sincerely hope, and  
I also hope you did not omit  
the addition of another name  
to the power of Attys.

You can hardly be aware  
how reluctantly I left you  
as I saw that both and  
especially Floride were unwell,  
and my anxiety was only  
partly relieved by learning that  
you had with you in Pensacola  
a kind hearted man and an  
attached friend, who would do  
everything for you that a gentleman  
could do. Make him please  
my best regards, and say to  
him to be sure and come to  
see me before he leaves New York  
even should he be here but a  
day.  
Say to Floride for me



that I shall not soon forget  
her, and I beg that she will  
not let absence entirely obliterate  
the remembrance of her old  
friend from her mind, but even  
if this happens, I hope she will  
not forget what I told her about  
the flowers, in her garden, which  
is to make it beautiful for her  
to live in, as well as pleasant  
for others to look at. I find no  
objection from Miss Lane of  
Leo's reception, but if I receive one  
shall write, in the chance that  
you may not have left us.

Say all that is kind to the  
old gentleman, not forgetting  
an authorisation of your drafts  
past, and urge a Power of Atty  
to some one here in case of any  
death.

And now with the best  
good wishes to you personally



and the sincere hope that  
your future may be happier  
than your past I am always  
Your sincere friend  
D. W. L.